We start with the exercise bike scene in Part One. The Doctor has been puffing away to music on that exercise bike... `Ninety-eight, ninety-nine, one hundred! All right, Doctor, you can stop now.

We'll soon have that all excess flab off you.'

`Excess flab! Put the tape back on, Mel, and come here. I'm going to exercise my right arm now...'

Across his knee she goes as the music starts up again, and he spanks her in time.

`One,'

`Ow!'

`Two,'

`Ouch!'

`Three.'

`Owwww!'

On the bike he had to go to 100, so he duly counts out 100 smacks before letting her up. All good exercise for his right arm, he says. `Not so good for my rear, Doctor.'

A spanking for Janet is certainly a necessary feature of any Spanking Adventure version of this story. The best opportunity comes as a result of her being under suspicion. Let's suppose that she did take Mel's recording of the whispering Vervoids from the gym, and Mel finds it when she searches her cabin. When the Doctor confronts her, it emerges that she only took it in the belief that it contained dance music for a workout, and put it on one side when she discovered it didn't. The Doctor accepts that she is innocent, but cannot accept that she didn't bother to tell anyone about the tape - which, after all, is a recording of alien beings plotting the destruction of humanity. Janet realizes that her actions have been very foolish and dangerous, and she begs the Doctor not to report her to the Commodore. That is the least of her worries, he tells her, and takes her across his knee. There follows a sound spanking on pink panties. Five minutes later, Janet and the Doctor emerge from her cabin, she dabbing at her eyes and straightening her uniform, ready to go about her duties - which fortunately do not require her to sit down for the next few hours.

Do you want the other guest star spanked too? I suggest leaving Professor Lasky to the end of the story, when the Doctor castigates her for the irresponsibility of her experiments. Lasky is not impressed by his arguments, so Mel whispers a suggestion to him and hands him a tape. Exercise music... the perfect accompaniment to a good spanking. This time Mel does the counting.

As Lasky lies howling across the Doctor's knee, the picture freezes, his hand in mid-air. 'That's not what happened at all,' says the Doctor, and glares accusingly at the Valeyard. 'Madame Inquisitor, I respectfully submit that the Matrix's evidence has been tampered with *again*.'

The reason for this being that Lasky's actions are really too serious to be punished with a spanking - calculated irresponsibility rather than immature foolishness. The faking of the evidence lets us have it both ways - a spanking and plausibility.